

June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony relating to implementation of the Energy Policy Act provisions on enhancing oil and gas production on Federal lands in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to be Secretary of the Treasury.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Mr. Eric Solomon, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury, vice Pamela Olson, resigned.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Use of Presidential Signing Statements" on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226. Witness list:

Panel I: Michelle Boardman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Charles Ogletree, Professor, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Christopher Yoo, Professor, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; Bruce Fein, Partner, Fein & Fein LLC, Washington, DC; Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz, Professor, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 27, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet tomorrow, June 27, 2006, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 215 purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, The Right People? Oversight of the Office of Personnel Management.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michelle Murphy, an intern in my Judiciary Committee office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on S.J. Res. 12.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITIES OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE, AND BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 522, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 522) celebrating the 150th anniversary of the cities of Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 522) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 522

Whereas the twin cities of Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia were officially chartered in 1856, celebrated the Bristol Centennial in 1956, and have organized to celebrate the Bristol Sesquicentennial in 2006;

Whereas the Bristol Sesquicentennial theme, "Celebrating 150 Years of Heritage and Harmony" underscores the duality of Bristol as a cohesion of 2 separate cities with 1 communal spirit;

Whereas the "Bristol Sign", listed in the National Register of Historic Places, serves to exemplify the communal spirit of Bristol, bridge the States of Tennessee and Virginia over the cooperatively named "State Street", and declare Bristol "A Good Place to Live";

Whereas the people of Bristol continue to work to preserve structures of historical significance, including the Paramount Theatre, the Old Customs House, and the historic train station;

Whereas the phonographic recordings known as the Bristol Sessions launched the country music careers of the Carter Family,

the Stonemans, and Jimmie Rogers, and prompted historians to describe Bristol as the "Big Bang" of modern country music;

Whereas country music is a central part of the history of Bristol, which Congress recognized as the "Birthplace of Country Music";

Whereas the history and economic development of Bristol is intimately tied to commercial transportation and Bristol continues to serve as an important commercial hub for the surrounding region; and

Whereas automotive racing is integral to the identity of Bristol and the "World's Fastest Half-Mile" at the Bristol Motor Speedway continues to offer exciting events to scores of racing fans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges the cultural and historic achievements of the people of Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia; and

(2) congratulates the twin cities of Bristol on their sesquicentennial.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, S. Res. 522, which was just adopted, celebrates the 150th anniversary of the cities of Bristol, TN, and Bristol, VA. Throughout the year, the people of Bristol have celebrated this anniversary, and the adoption of this resolution coincides with a number of exciting local events.

Bristol is a unique city because of the nature of its founding just along the Tennessee and Virginia border in what started out as two separate communities founded along an anticipated railroad route. Through years of give and take and sometimes bitter disputes over that Tennessee-Virginia border, Bristol has developed into a shining example of how hard work, cooperation, partnership, and entrepreneurial spirit can lead to tremendous opportunities and to tremendous economic growth for communities around the country.

What once modestly started as a connecting point between the Virginia and Tennessee railroads has developed into a central crossroad of the country's interstate highway systems.

While many people in the region are known to joke that "all roads lead to Bristol," the city is not only a commercial crossroad, it has also served as a gathering place for musicians from the Appalachian region. Many country music fans know Bristol because of the famous "Bristol Sessions" and recognize the city as the birthplace of country music.

Today when people think of NASCAR racing, they think about Bristol. In the early 1960s, it was two Bristol natives who decided to build a racetrack in northeast Tennessee. A little over 40 years later, racing has become America's fastest growing sport, and, indeed, the Bristol Motor Speedway is on the forefront of what is widely known as the "World's Fastest Half Mile"—I reiterate that cutting edge, the entrepreneurial spirit one finds in Bristol.

In closing, I am pleased to congratulate the twin cities of Bristol for 150 years of cooperation and achievement. With this rich history and cultural heritage, Bristol represents the best of Tennessee and Virginia.